

RAILROAD NEWS.

Growth of Traffic Far Outstrips Increase of Facilities.

Such Has Been the Case With Roads for Years.

WILL EXPANSION END?

Statistics of Commerce Commission Are Serious.

Other Items of Interest in Railway Circles.

According to returns tabulated by the Interstate Commerce commission, the traffic of the railroads of the country has increased about 12 per cent each year for several years. In the same time the increase of the facilities has been only 2 per cent.

Revenue freight hauled by fourteen roads, whose tracks extend generally over all sections of the United States, increased from 612,020,000 tons in 1902 to 682,479,000 tons in 1906, or about 11.4 per cent. This is an increase of 35.4 per cent, or an average for each of the four years of nearly 9 per cent.

How the roads have increased their facilities for handling this increase of tonnage is shown by the fact that whereas they operated 64,256 miles in 1902 the increase in four years was 7,422 miles, or 11.6 per cent, compared with a growth of 34.4 per cent in traffic. The total number of engines employed by the fourteen roads in question in 1902 was 14,727, while in 1906 it was 19,613, an increase of about 33 per cent. Freight car equipment increased in the same time from 491,013 to 600,156, or about 22 per cent.

During the last fiscal year it is estimated that the increase in traffic of these roads was in the neighborhood of 7.6 per cent, or a little less than the growth reported in the four years preceding. On the same basis the mileage operated by these roads increased by 4.2 per cent, all of which does not represent new construction. Locomotive equipment was increased about 11 per cent and the number of freight cars 12 per cent.

What is most needed now, at least in the territory west of the Mississippi river, is the double tracking of all the great systems of roads. Their tonnage can no longer be handled expeditiously over single-track systems. It has been demonstrated abundantly in the last four years that in average crop years the traffic of the roads referred to is sufficient to swamp them completely, and the congestion thus

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A DECLINE IN TRAFFIC.

Is Shown in Dun's Report for Month of December.

According to Dun's reports the total gross earnings of all railroads in the United States for the first two weeks of December are \$3,310,510, a decrease of 8.2 per cent compared with the corresponding time last year.

While there is a fair movement of general business, and in some leading products is reduced and this affects railroad earnings in all sections of the country. In the following table is given earnings of all United States roads reporting for the two weeks of December and the same roads for a like period in November, also the more complete reports for October and the two preceding months:

	Gross earnings	Per cent
Dec. 2 weeks.....	\$3,310,510	8.2
Nov. 2 weeks.....	\$3,582,000	9.5
October.....	\$3,754,533	10.3
September.....	\$3,810,449	11.1
August.....	\$3,746,596	11.3

With the exception of two reports the classified statement for October is complete and shows a decline in earnings of \$17,254,533, an increase of 7.5 per cent over the corresponding time last year. There is a gain on all groups of roads. "Other" roads leading with an increase of 12.2 per cent.

On trunk lines there is a good gain, and on the coal roads earnings increased 12.1 per cent. Western and mountain lines show a gain of 5.1 and 3.3 per cent, respectively. The gain on the Southern railway is 1.9 per cent and Pacific roads 11.9 per cent.

The small increase of 1.3 per cent on the southern group is due mostly to the falling off in the cotton movement in that section. The statement is printed below:

	Gross earnings	Gain.
October.....	\$3,754,533	10.3
Trunk, Eastern.....	\$2,083,559	7.6
Trunk, Western.....	\$1,573,801	10.3
Coal.....	\$1,012,972	12.1
Other Eastern.....	\$6,732,866	12.2
Other Western.....	\$2,070,235	12.1
Granger.....	\$1,563,182	8.9
Southern.....	\$1,567,987	12.8
Mountain.....	\$2,182,381	12.9
Pacific.....	\$3,732,143	11.9

	U. S. roads.....	Gain.
Canadian.....	\$7,035,533	11.0
Mexican.....	\$5,827,635	14.7
Totals.....	\$100,027,196	11.7

GRANT COUNTY INTERESTED.

Ulysses People Pulling For New Kansas and Texas Road.

Ulysses, Kan., Dec. 25.—I. G. Marshall and C. H. Binney were in attendance at the railroad meeting in Ulysses a few days ago and report a good interest shown by Stevens county people. The proposition submitted was to build a road from Garden City, Kan., to Ulysses, Mo., and on to the Gulf of Mexico. Stevens county people have agreed to give \$2,000 per mile and donate \$250 on a survey line. It is expected that as soon as preliminaries can be arranged, the men behind the project claim to have plenty of money in sight to build and equip the road.

The president and vice president of the Kansas and Texas road are anxious to see the people of Grant county in the near future and learn their attitude toward the road, and if we are interested there is good reason to believe that it will cross our territory. The road is expected to be built within the next two weeks and want every one to come out and meet them. This seems to be a feasible scheme and surely the farmers here will lose nothing by taking a day off to come and hear what these people have to say. Due notice will be given of the meeting.

TRAIN A SUCCESS.

Katy Reports Increased Passenger Traffic as Result.

Erie, Kan., Dec. 25.—"Our passenger receipts are making a very satisfactory increase since the change in the time card," said Agent C. F. Smith of the M. & K. T. yesterday. Mr. Smith says that local business on the M. & K. T. to Kansas City has been greatly stimulated and in addition, the Kansas City travel from St. Paul and several other towns is now coming here instead of going to Parsons and using the Neosho division as was formerly the case. The change also makes possible a direct trip to Burlington, Emporia and Junction City.

The passenger train which was transferred from the Neosho division to the Kansas City division last Sunday is an earlier train than the one transferred from this division to the Neosho division a few weeks ago. It will leave Kansas City at 10:15 a. m. and is routed from Moran to Iola, Emporia and Junction City, and arrives at Moran in time to catch the Kansas City train from there.

The new train gives an improved service to Erie, Kimball, Stark, Savonburg, Elsmore, Moran and Gas City.

WAITING FOR MACHINERY.

Construction of Albuquerque Tie Plant Nearing Completion.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 25.—Practically all the construction work on the buildings for the \$150,000 tie plant of the Santa Fe south of the city has been completed. A number of men are at present finishing up the stone and brick work around the boilers and elsewhere. The boilers, however, are about installed and the machinery in position. Some of the apparatus is now on the ground and more is on the way from the east. The track work is about finished.

D. Burkholder of Las Vegas, superintendent of the tie plant here, and prospective superintendent of the local plant, were in the city yesterday.

GENERAL AGENT RESIGNS.

Rumored That C. H. Ivers Will Go to an Eastern Road.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 25.—According to a report circulated this morning, C. H. Ivers, who for several years has been the general agent for the Kansas City Southern railroad at St. Louis, Mo., is to resign to accept service with one of the big trunk lines of the east.

The report has it that H. A. Graber, now general agent at Pittsburg, Pa., will succeed Mr. Ivers in the western territory.

Another Kansas City Southern change which is slated for the first of the year will be the appointment of James Morris to succeed Jerry Brown as city passenger agent at Kansas City.

Yale's Mascot Shot.

New Haven, Ct., Dec. 25.—Yale lost her baseball mascot when Slugger, the fierce bulldog, owned by Captain Kinney of last year's baseball team, was killed by nearly devouring ten-year-old Johnny Colgan, son of a druggist. Kinney left the dog with the janitor of one of the Yale dormitories, but Slugger got loose from his tether and went into the Colgan yard.

ATTELL IN FORM.

Blood Flows When the Little Fellow Boxes Nelson.

The Two Mix in a Furious Contest for Practice.

"BAT" ISSTUNG BADLY.

Handlers Had to Separate the Two in the Third.

Much Interest in the Papke-Kelley Dec. 30 Bout.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 25.—That Alvin Attell is still as vicious a fighter as he was in the days when he knocked out thirty-seven men in his fights as a youngster here, despite his present reputation as a tap-and-get-away fighter, was shown in his three-round try-out with Battling Nelson.

Attell started in on Nelson after he and had two previous boxing stances, and he continued trying out his feet, when suddenly he began to cut loose. He stung Nelson all over his face and body and in a few minutes he had the Hesperian fighter bleeding at the nose and mouth. Nelson, angered by the punishment, rushed in on Attell and tried to bet down his guard by peppered him the more, raining blows from all sides.

He did not escape unscathed, however, for Nelson once caught him with the right hand on the jaw, and the provisor ring, beat down his guard and opened up a cut over Abe's eye. When the handlers finally parted them at the end of the third round blood was flowing freely down the faces of both men and each looked as though he would have liked a little more of the other's same.

The widespread interest that is being taken in Attell's fight with Moran was attested by the number of witnesses who saw yesterday's mix-up. Monte Attell furnished three rounds of exercise for his brother, and he was followed by Kid Lewis, who took two rounds of jabbing and declared he had enough, prior to Nelson's turn.

BAT AND PAKKE TO MEET.

Looks Like the Two Fighters Will Meet on February 22.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—The match between Packy McFarland and Battling Nelson is likely to be clinched within a few days. Harry Gilmore, Packy's manager, has accepted Packy's challenge and terms for a match and also a letter from Jimmy Coffroth, the coast promoter, stating that the bout, if he percentage of a purse for the meeting between Nelson and McFarland to take place on Washington's birthday.

Coffroth stated that the bout, if he percentage basis, for it is certain that the bout would draw a big crowd, for Nelson's fights on the coast have all been successful and Packy's fame has spread so rapidly that the gold state sports consider him to be a great fighter.

But before any meeting with Nelson, Packy has two bouts on hand. The match with Tommy Murphy, which is set for Boston on January 7, has been postponed to January 15, and will start east on December 28. After meeting Murphy, Packy will go over to Philadelphia and there take on a bout with Ed. Moran.

It was expected that Bat Nelson would have no obstacle in the way of a match with McFarland, and he still may do so, though his telegram leads a man to believe that he is willing to make a definite battle with Packy. McFarland still has a forfeit of \$5,000 with the Dane and stands ready to make up the balance at any time. Nelson and Gilmore will take half of the bet and will have no difficulty in finding admirers of the stock yards boy to take the other half.

KARGER FOR BRENNAN.

Stanley Robison Would Make Great Swap for St. Louis Team.

St. Louis, Dec. 25.—If it is really correct, Stanley Robison can get Roger Bresnahan for Eddie Karger he should make the swap. The renowned catcher is presently nearly the only player in the profession worth accepting for the celebrated left-hander.

During the summer months it looked as if Harry Niles would live and die in St. Louis. He had a right to stay as well as out of business as to part with "Circus Harry."

He's gone, and figuring that Glade, a good, if understated, pitcher, and Hemphill, a player who may come back, went with him, and that three very so-so veterans, at best, came in return, Niles certainly didn't bring very much.

McAleer probably knew what he was doing when he made the swap. Furthermore, he will probably land higher in 1908 than he did in 1907. This year his braves came sixth.

THIS IS MICHIGAN'S POSITION.

Wants Seven Football Games and Training Table for Players.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 25.—Professor George W. Patterson, chairman of the board of control, in an interview declared Michigan's position at the conference to be held in Chicago on January 4. He said:

"Michigan is not going to Chicago to deliver an ultimatum to the western conference. The exact instructions given to Professor W. C. Bates, the Michigan representative, will not be given out. However, he goes with a great deal of discretion concerning certain features which Michigan desires."

"Michigan would like a seven game schedule, training table and the repeal of the retroactive rule. Minnesota, Chicago and Wisconsin would like to see the same changes."

"In my opinion the conference will not accomplish much at the meeting on January 4. Beyond that, considering the seven game schedule, I do not think much will be done. The conference is not absolute in itself and can only recommend."

BOTH MEN IN SHAPE.

Hugo Kelly and Billy Papke Considered Evenly Matched.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Hugo Kelly and Billy Papke, slated for their one most important bout of the season, met Monday night, are both reported in good condition. When the bout was first hatched up there was a rush of opinion in favor of Papke. The sensational youngster was touted as invincible, and it was freely asserted that Kelly would be as easy for him to defeat as a chicken.

Or late this feeling has died away, and calm thinkers are figuring that Kelly's experience, coolness and all-around class will be too much for the younger boxer.

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COUNTED A STAR FULL-BACK.

DeWitt of Spokane Is Expected to Make Princeton Eleven.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 25.—Eastern college men who witnessed the work of Wallace DeWitt, fullback for the Spokane high school team, champions of the northwest during the season just closed, predict when he enters Princeton next fall that he will prove a successful successor to the late John R. DeWitt, who won the game for Princeton against Yale in 1903.

Wallace DeWitt is 18 years old, weighs 200 pounds and is 6 feet 6 inches a fraction of six feet. He has been picked by experts as the fullback for the all star high school team of the Pacific states. He was good for one touchdown in the field in his college championship games in which the Spokane team competed and he showed himself a strong line blocker and capable of winning all-around play. He kicked from two to four goals in other games.

He averaged forty-four and a half yards in eighteen kicks in two games last season. DeWitt is a native of Seattle, where he dropped the leather over the cross bar from placement, the only score made in sixty minutes of play in the field ever seen in a field in the northwest.

KAUFMANN TURNS DOWN BARRY.

Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—Ernest Barry, the coast porting promoter, to match Al Kaufmann with Jim Barry for a bout here next month have availed nothing. The Californian has refused to be beaten by Barry, and is unwilling to content himself with short distance affairs in the east, and expects to remain along the Atlantic during the winter.

JAY GOULD TO PLAY BALL.

New York, Dec. 25.—Tommy Corcoran, the veteran infielder, who will play for the Boston team, has accepted Barry as a ball player for the next season's team and will begin work in the cage shortly after the holidays. Barry is a former date having excellent prospects for making the team is Jay Gould, who is ambitious to play third base.

AUTOMOBILE NOTES.

Once a month about one-half gill of kerosene should be injected into the cylinders and the engine turned over by hand a few times to wash the burning lubricating oil from the piston and rings. It can be injected through the compression relief cocks or by removing the spark plugs.

Backed by an introduction having a membership of 80,000 known as the Knights of the Golden Chain, Charles W. Thatcher is touring the country, arousing interest in the construction of a highway from New York to San Francisco for the use of both automobiles and horse-drawn vehicles.

Encouraged by the success attending the use of a six-ton electric truck for hauling coal at Sheboygan, Wis., the C. Reiss Coal company, one of the largest coal companies of the country, has decided to install similar trucks at its branch office at several great lake points for retail or local delivery.

The town of Ayer, Mass., has appealed to the superior court to let the state buy an automobile for the purpose of recovering damages for injuries done to his car by sinking ten inches into a sandy street. The decision will finally be made by the state supreme court.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the headlight is just as necessary on a moonlight night as on a dark one. An examination of serious automobile accidents in the past year shows that over 100 happened at night, half of these when the moon was shining brightly. Of these probably twenty-five were brought on by optical illusions caused by the moon's deceptive light.

Plans are under way for the building just outside of Philadelphia of a motordrome similar to, but an improvement upon, the famous Brooklands track in England. A two-mile oval track is contemplated, 100 feet wide, except at the turns, which will have a width of 125 feet. The cost is estimated at \$500,000, and promises are made that it will be completed by June.

During the month of September Italian touring and automobile clubs will hold a series of trials for commercial vehicles. The service will be of the war office, and the ministry of agriculture will conduct a contest for agricultural motors, added to which it is likely that the postmaster general will thoroughly try out a number of vehicles designed for carrying mails.

Since 1900 it has been known that both pure and denatured alcohol could be used for internal combustion engines with satisfactory results, but it has been left to the Paris municipal omnibuses to publicly demonstrate its value. The service was inaugurated June 11, 1906, and up to date 2,231,000 miles have been covered entirely on 50 per cent denatured alcohol, at an estimated saving of over \$60,000 over gasoline.

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